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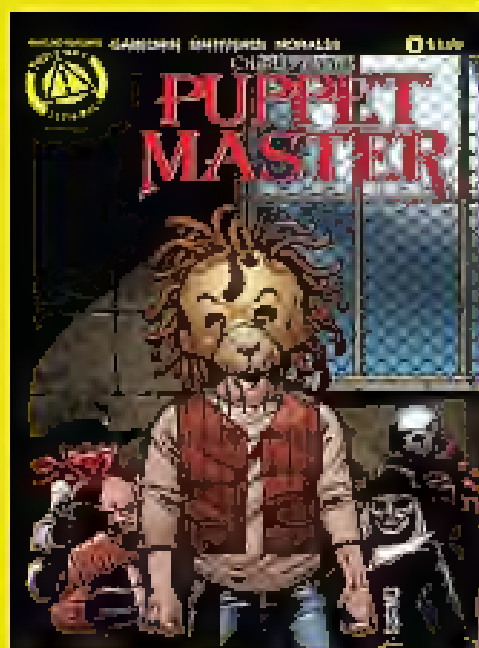
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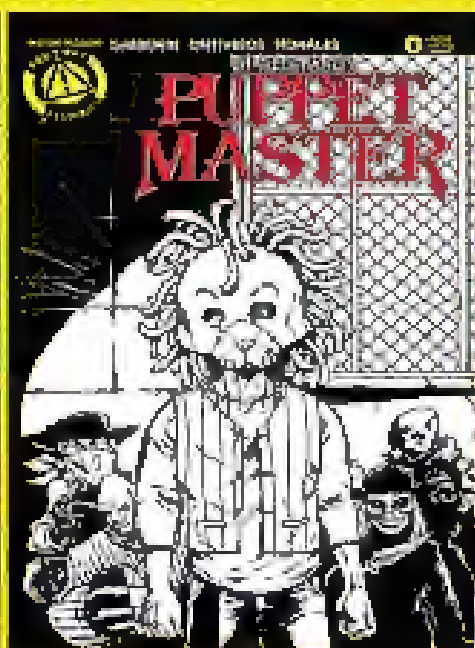
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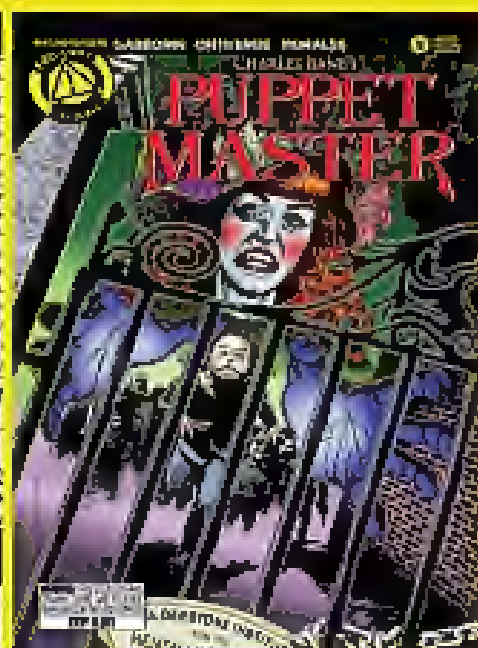
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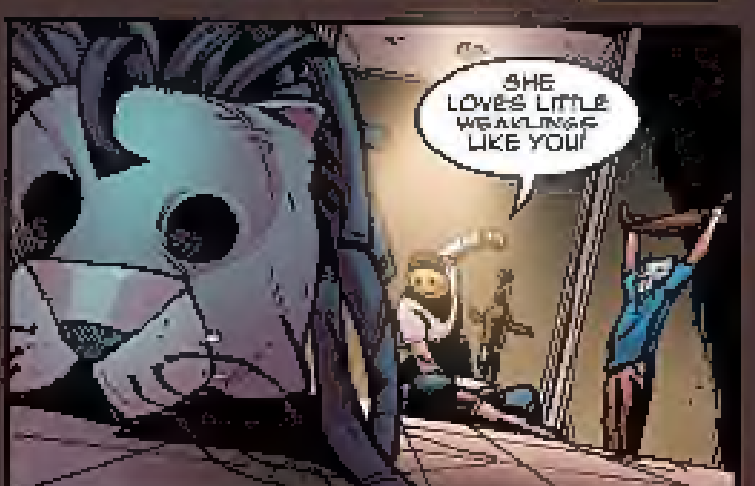
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CANILE'S
COMING FOR
YOU!!

HAPPY
HALLOWS' EVE.
ANNOCHIO.



DO YOU THINK
CAMILLE IS REAL?
LIKE, REALLY HIDING
HERE... WAITING TO
TORMENT US?



I'M NOT SURE
EITHER, BUT I'M
GOING TO GO FIND
OUT. I JUST... I CAN'T
LIVE LIKE THIS
ANYMORE.



IT'S JUST TOO
MUCH, EVERYDAY,
THE SAME THING.
THE SAME
BEATING.



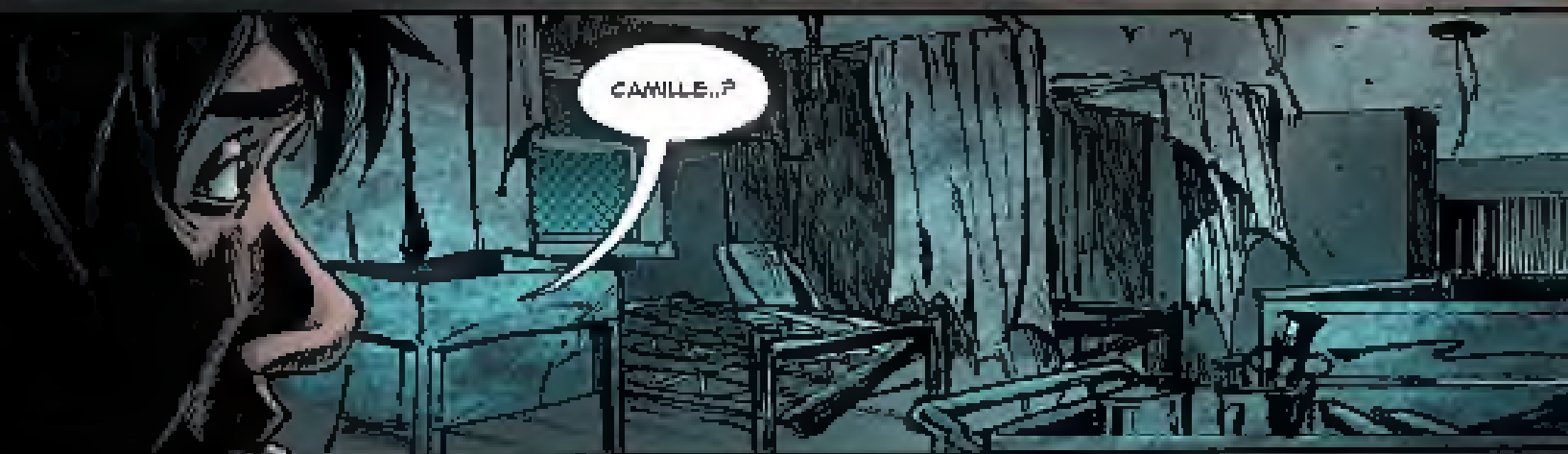
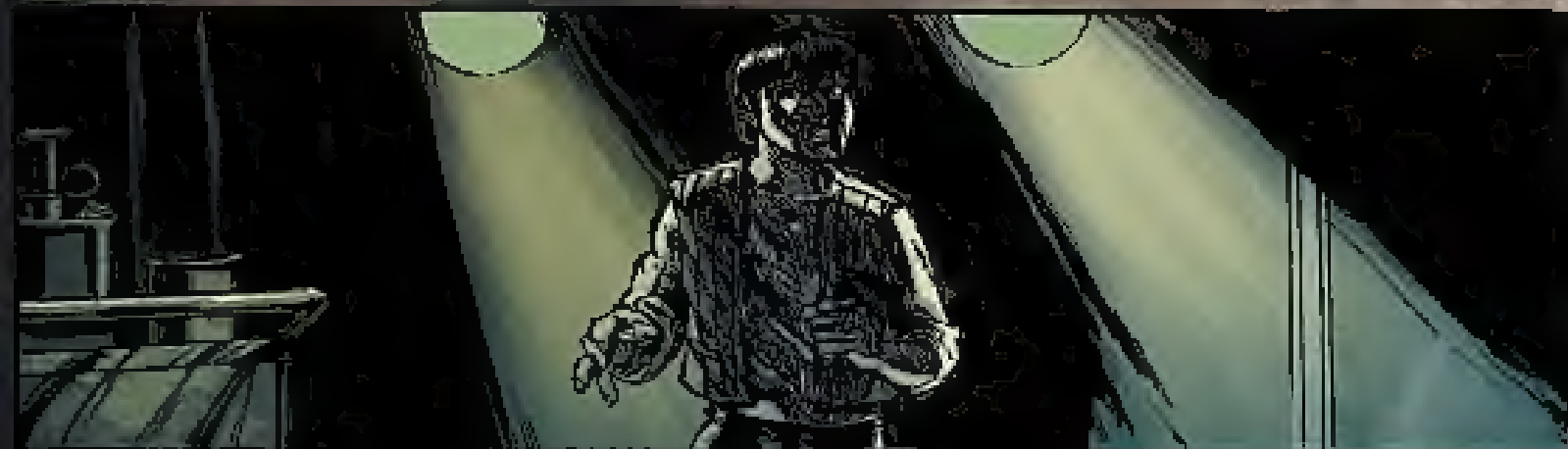
I NEED
TO FIND HER.
I CAN'T LET
THIS KEEP
HAPPENING.

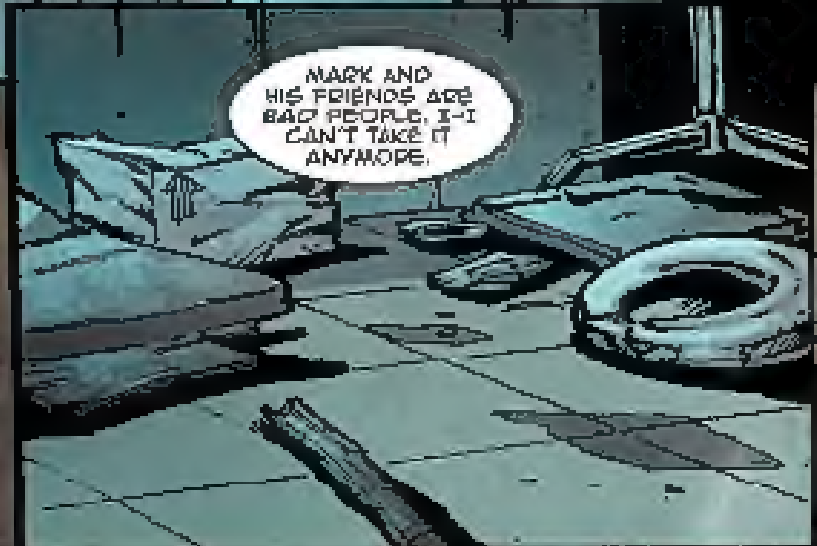


YOU'RE A GOOD
LISTENER. I'M GLAD
YOU DON'T ANSWER.
IF YOU DID I'D
PROBABLY BE TOO
SHY TO TALK TO
YOU...

...AND THAT'D
BE BAD 'CAUSE
YOU'RE THE
CLOSEST THING
I HAVE TO A
FRIEND.









WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING IN HERE??

THIS WING IS CLOSED FOR A REASON!



PLEASE, JOE, I HAVE TO FIND HER!



THERE'S NOBODY HERE TO FIND, BOY.



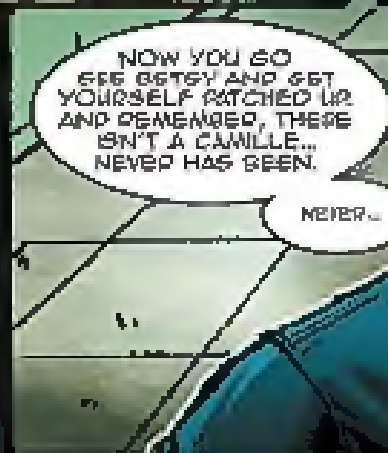
IT WAS MARK AND THEM, WASN'T IT? DID THAT TO YOUR FACE?

ROTTEN TO THE CORE, THOSE THREE, SHOULD BE IN THE MAX WINGS, YOU ASK ME.



I... I NEED CAMILLE.

CAMILLE ISN'T REAL, ANTHONY. SH-SHE'S JUST A GHOST STORY.



NOW YOU GO SEE BETSY AND GET YOURSELF PATCHED UP AND REMEMBERED, THERE ISN'T A CAMILLE... NEVER HAS BEEN.

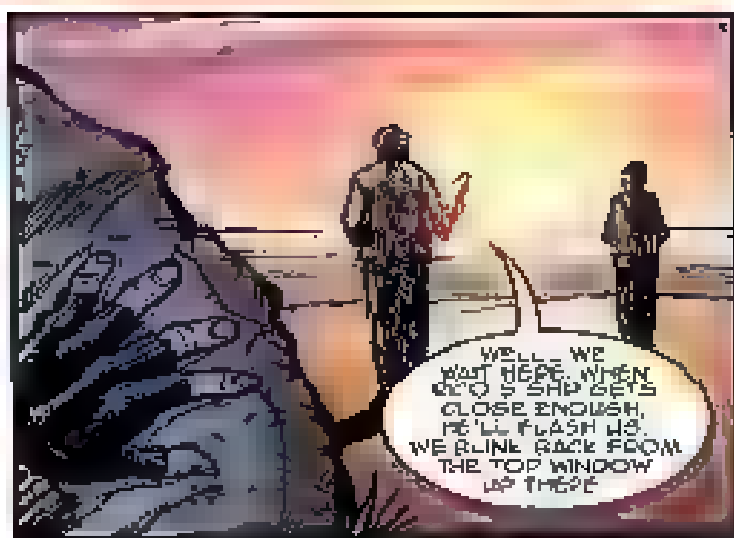
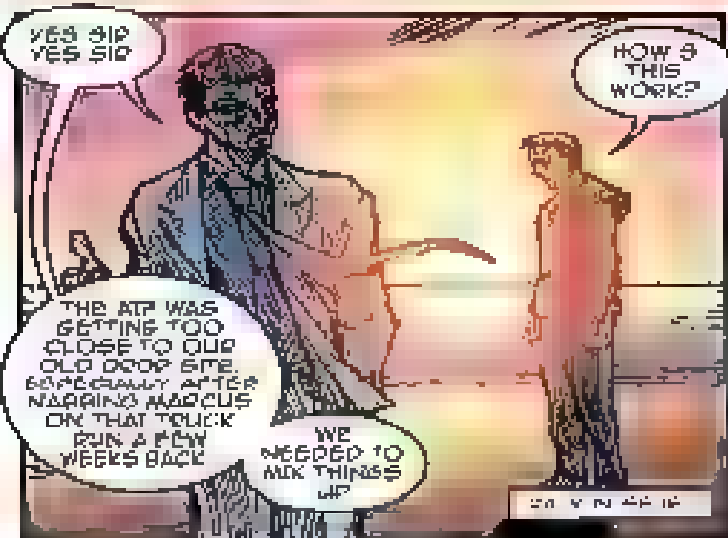
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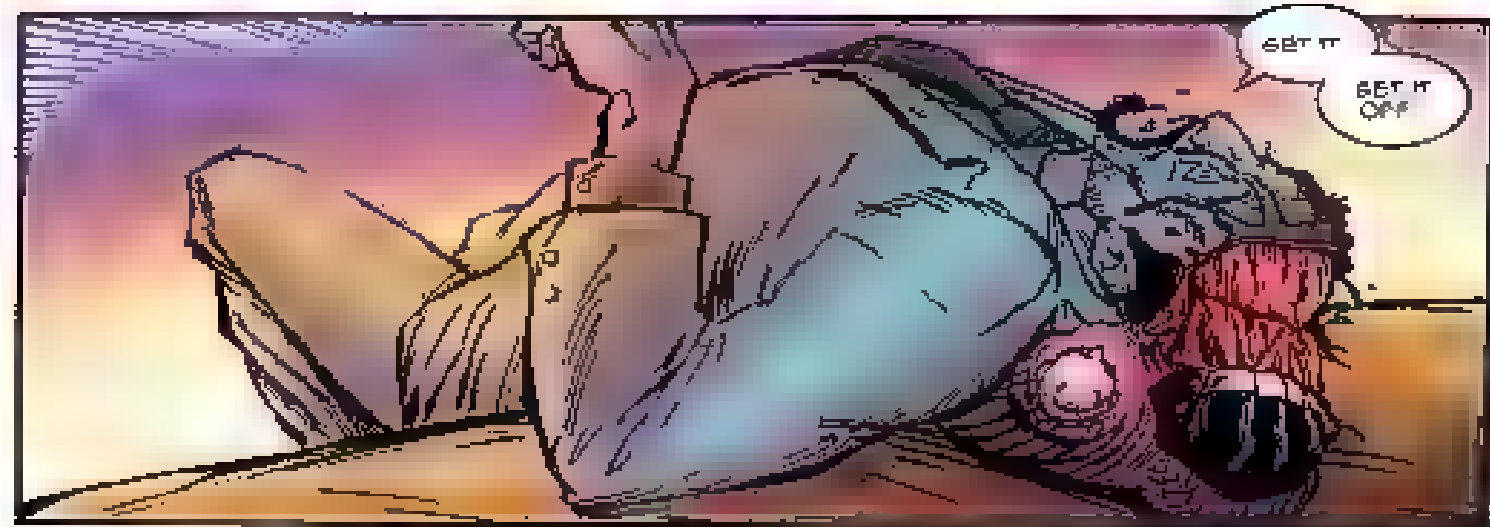
DAN, JARED?
YOU GUYS BACK
YET

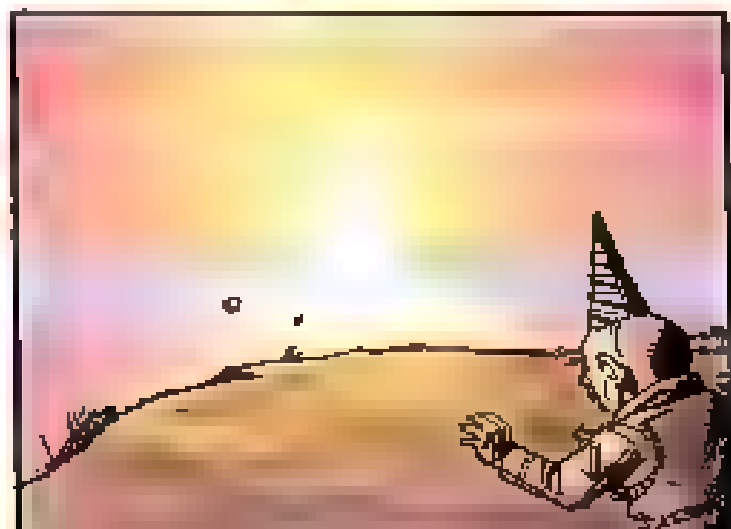
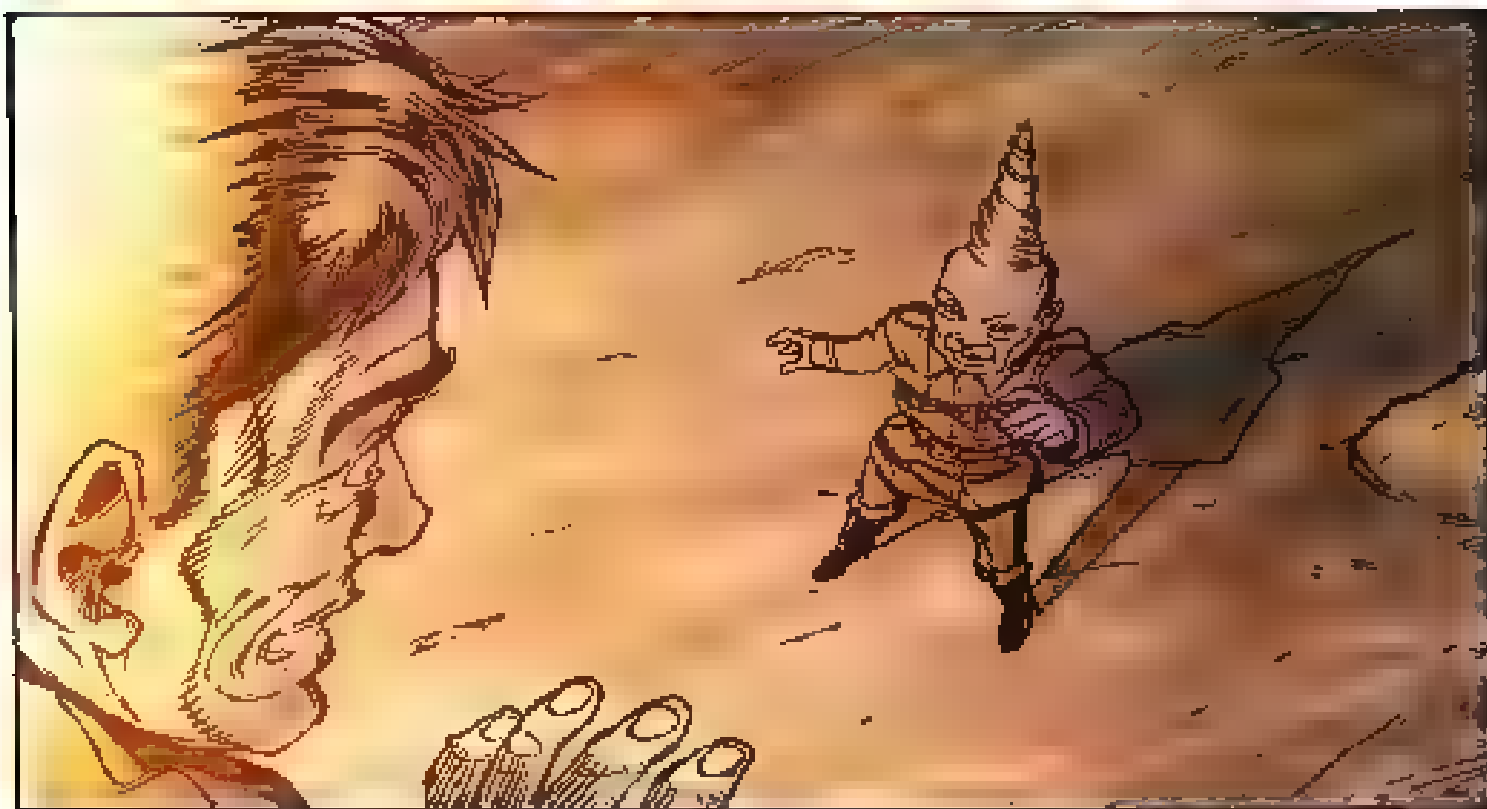


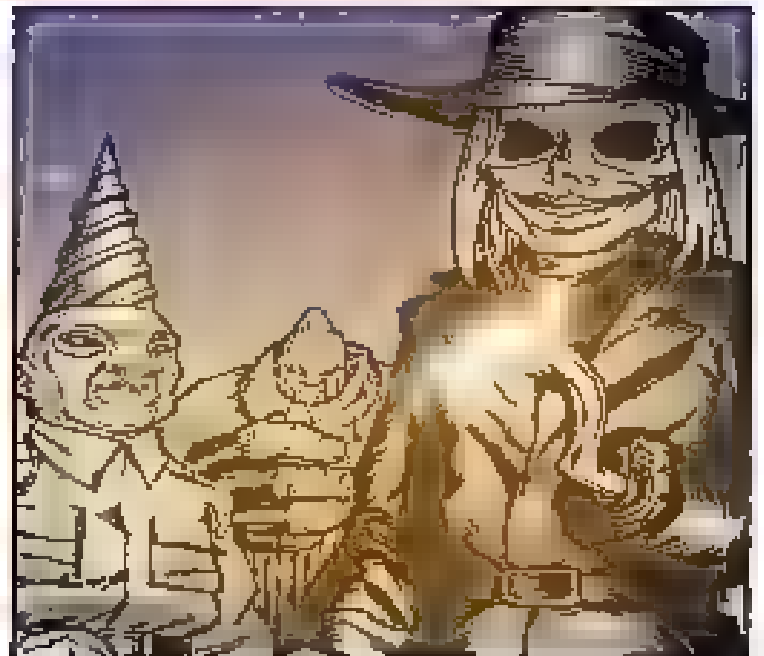
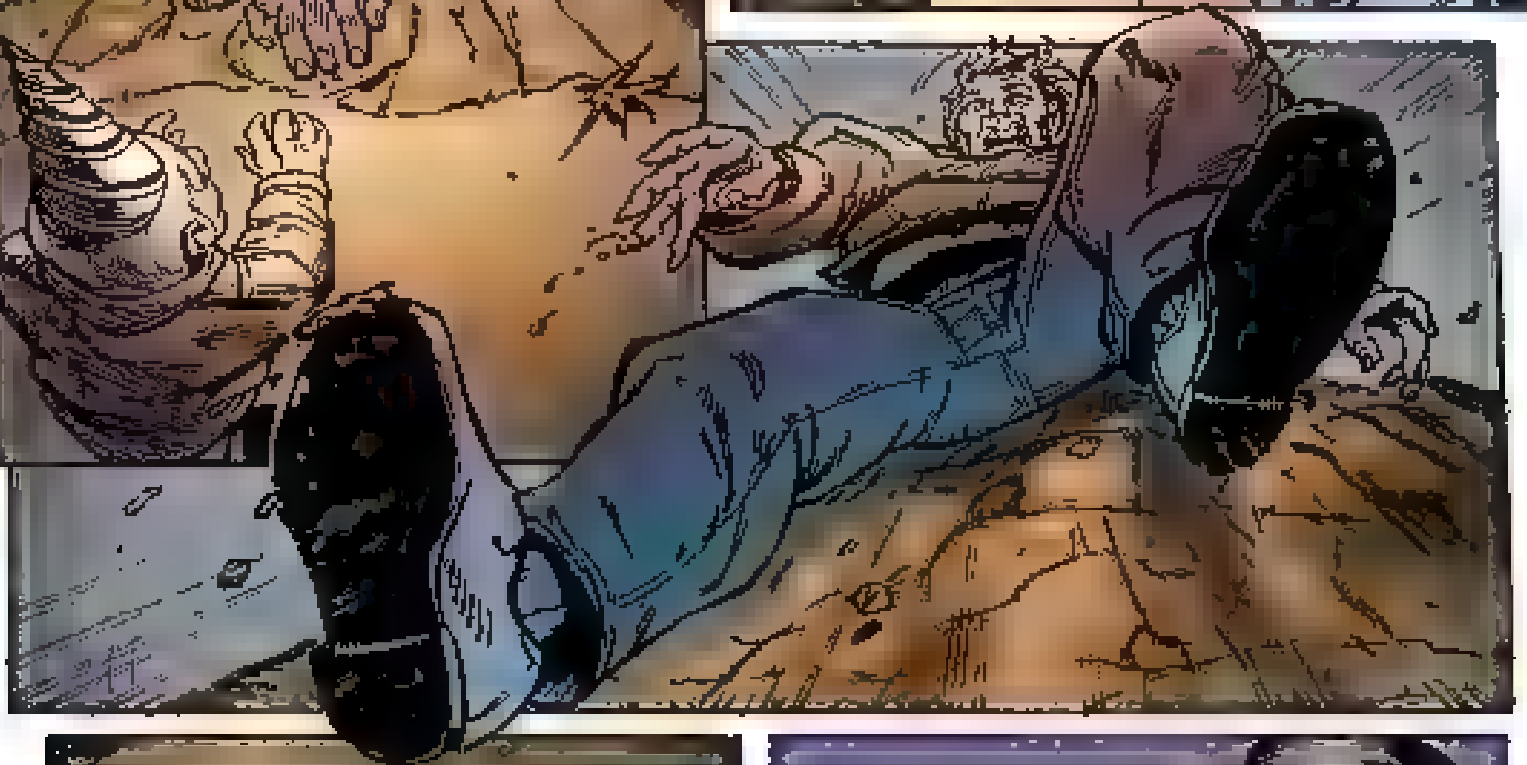
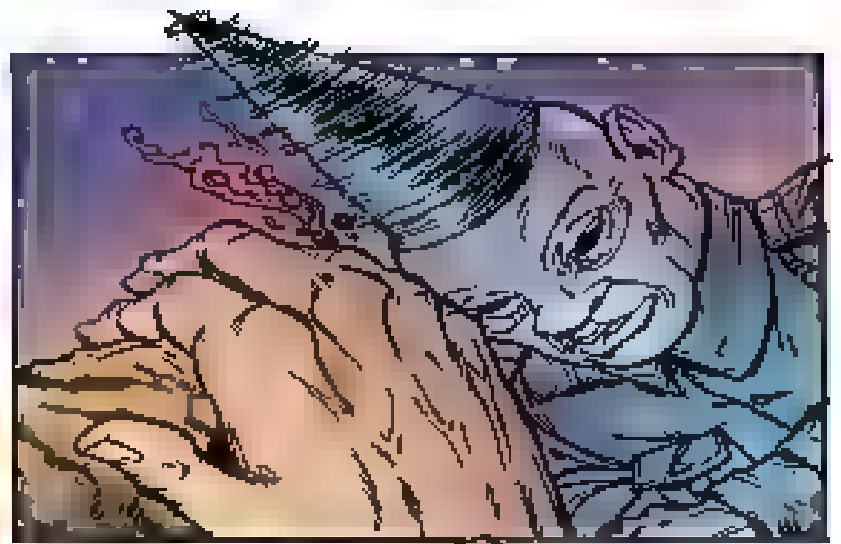
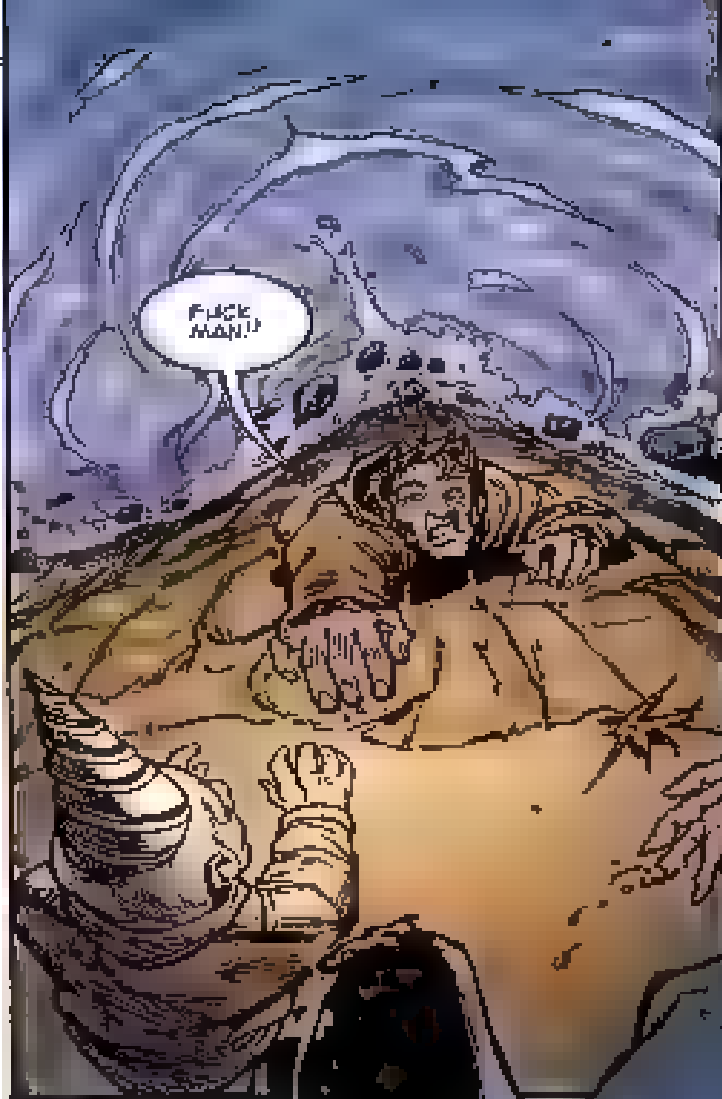




AHHHHH!!!







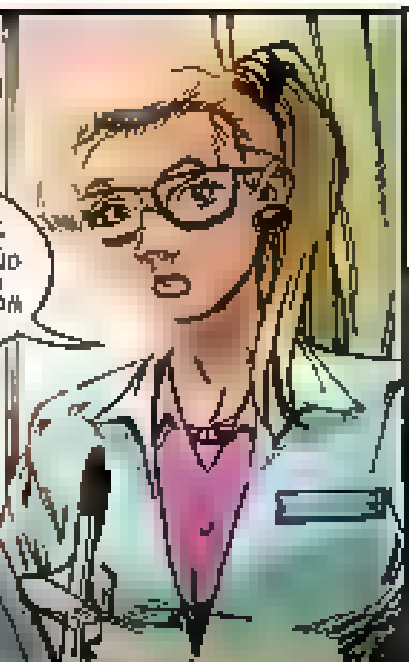




WHAT I'M
GETTING AT IS THIS:
DON'T TRACE ONE
PHOBIA FOR
ANOTHER

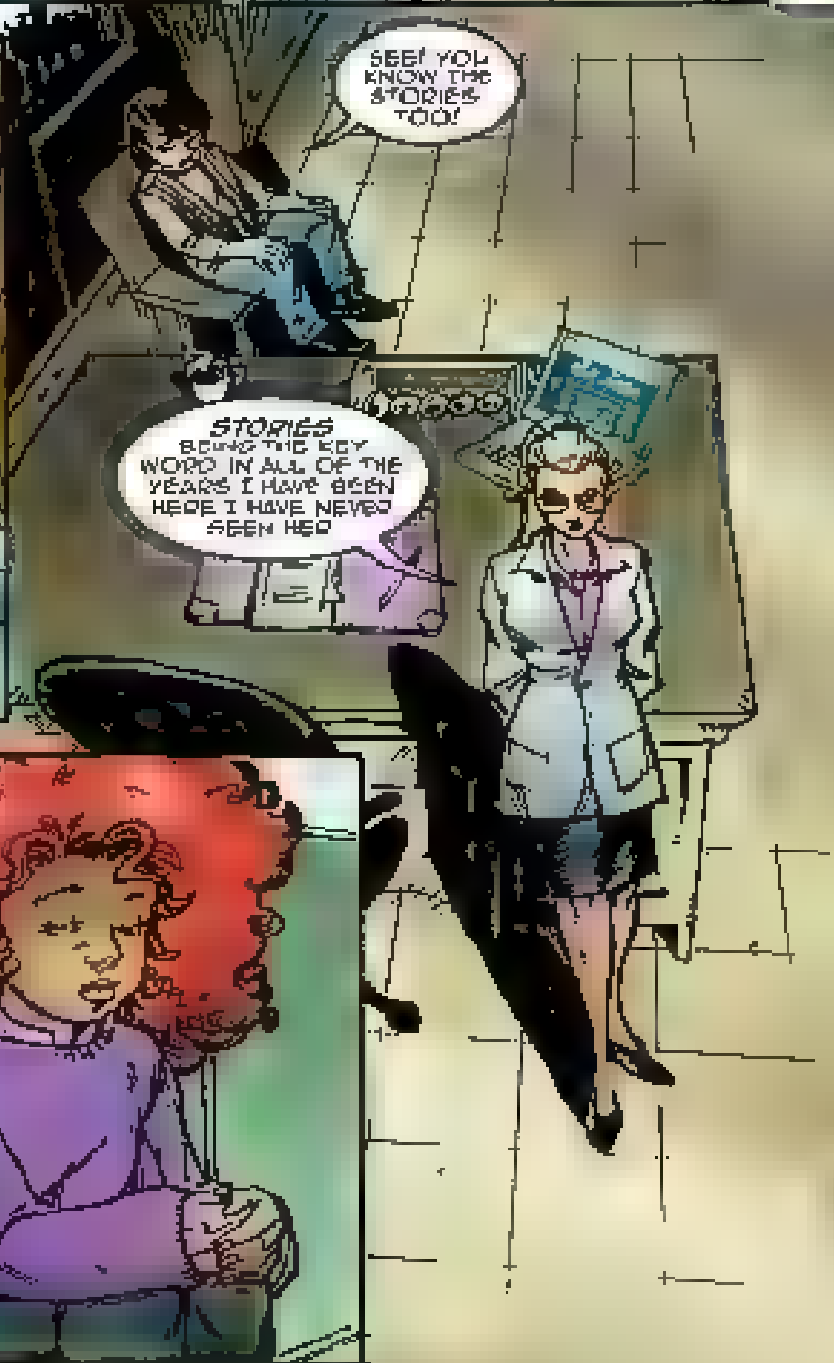
DID YOU
KNOW THAT BOTH
DR. CROWE AND I
WERE HERE WHEN
THE STORIES
ABOUT CAMILLE
STARTED?

SHE
WAS A STAFF
PSYCHIATRIST
AT THE TIME AND
I WAS ON AN
INTERNSHIP FROM
COLLEGE.



ANYWAY, THE
STORIES WE
HEARD WERE
FANTASTIC

A WOODEN
WOMAN SNEAKING
INTO THE CHILDREN'S
ROOMS AT NIGHT TO
FRIGHTEN THEM. SHE
EVEN HAD A GROUP OF
TINY PUPPETS THAT
ACCOMPANIED
HER



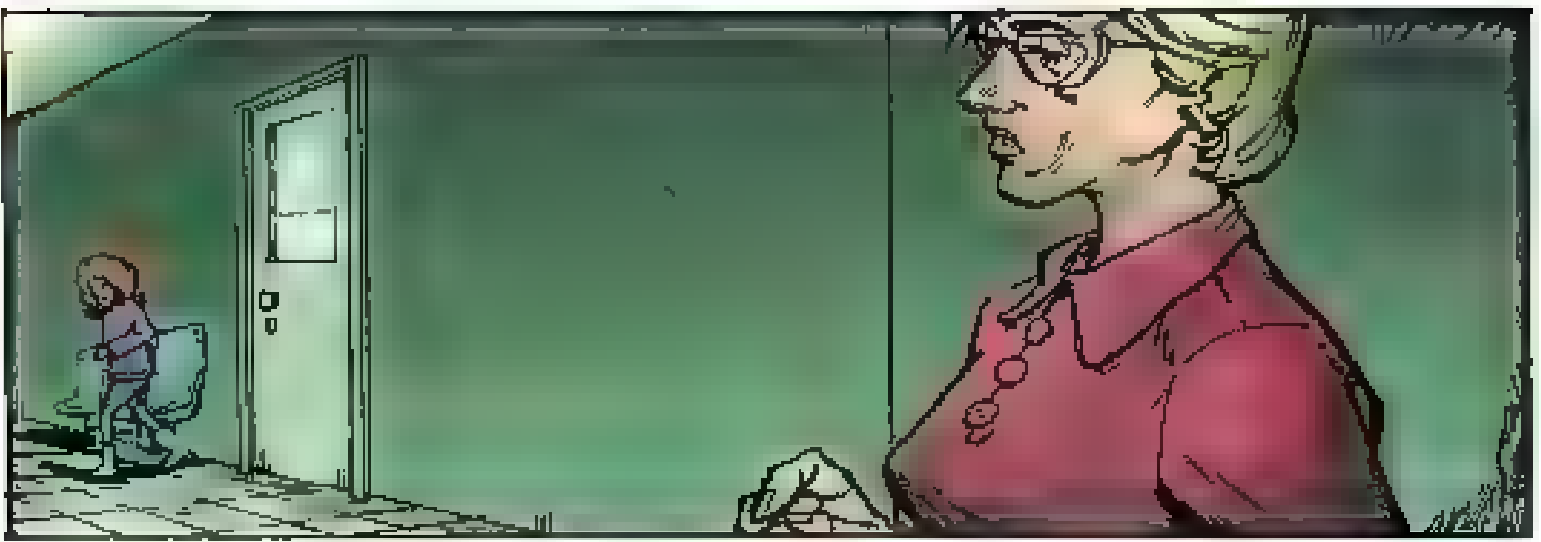
SEE! YOU
KNOW THE
STORIES
TOO!

STORIES
BEING THE KEY
WORD IN ALL OF THE
YEARS I HAVE BEEN
HERE I HAVE NEVER
SEEN HER



ALL I KNOW IS
THAT I CALLED OUT
TO HER. NOW DAN
AND JARED ARE
DEAD





I SHOULDN'T
BE TELLING YOU THIS.
BUT JACED WAS
LITERALLY CHEWED
OPEN. THEY FOUND
HUMAN TEETH MARKS
ON HIS WOUNDS



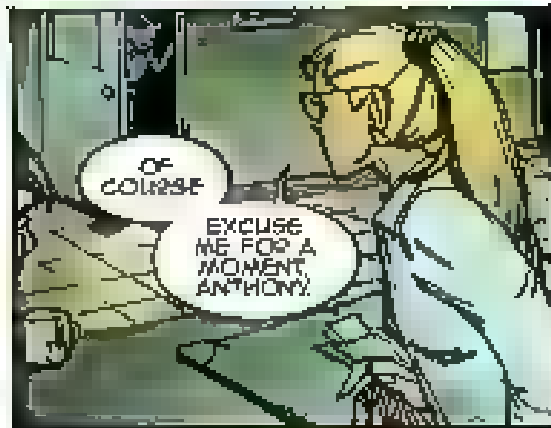
QUITE A FEAT
FOR A
WOODEN
DOLL.

DR GASTOR.
A WORD
PLEASE



OF
COURSE

EXCUSE
ME FOR A
MOMENT,
ANTHONY.



ARE YOU OUT
OF YOUR MIND?
YOU CANNOT TELL
THE CHILDREN
DETAILS LIKE
THAT!

YOU ARE
TO BE HELPING
THEM. NOT
DOING MORE
DAMAGE!



YOU ARE
ABSOLUTELY
CORRECT,
DIRECTOR
CROWE.
I AGREE

FURTHERMORE,
WHY DO YOU ENTERTAIN
THESE TALES OF 'FAMILIES'?
MOST OF THESE CHILDREN
WEREN'T EVEN BORN
WHEN THAT LEGEND
STARTED





I ENCOURAGE
ALL MY PATIENTS TO
SPEAK FREELY OF WHAT
THEY FEEL AND WHAT
THEY FEAR



I RELIEVE
I LEARNED THAT
FROM YOU,
DIRECTOR
CROWE



SOMETIMES WE
HAVE TO HUMOR
THEIR DELUSIONS
TO GET TO THE
ROOTS OF THEM



YES WELL,
IT IS TIME WE
MAKE THESE CHILDREN
UNDERSTAND THAT A
DELUSION IS ALL
THAT CAN BE IS

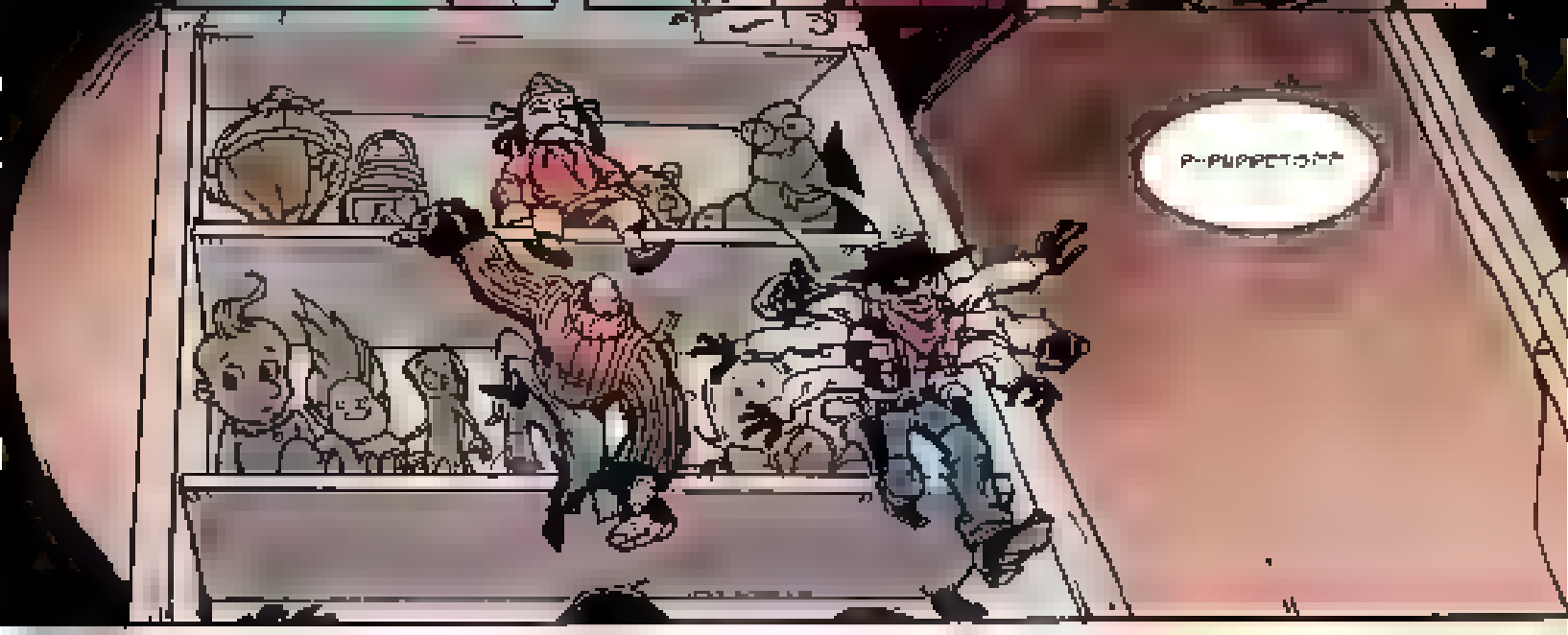
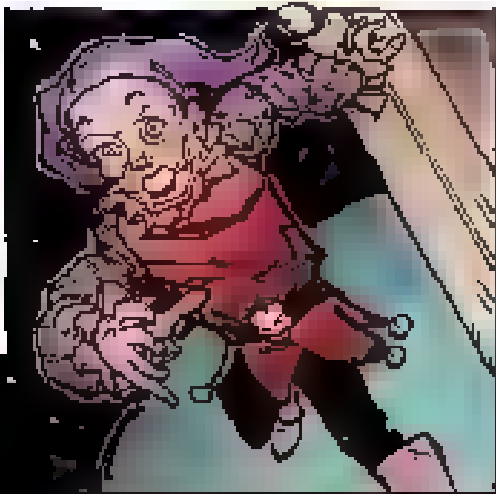
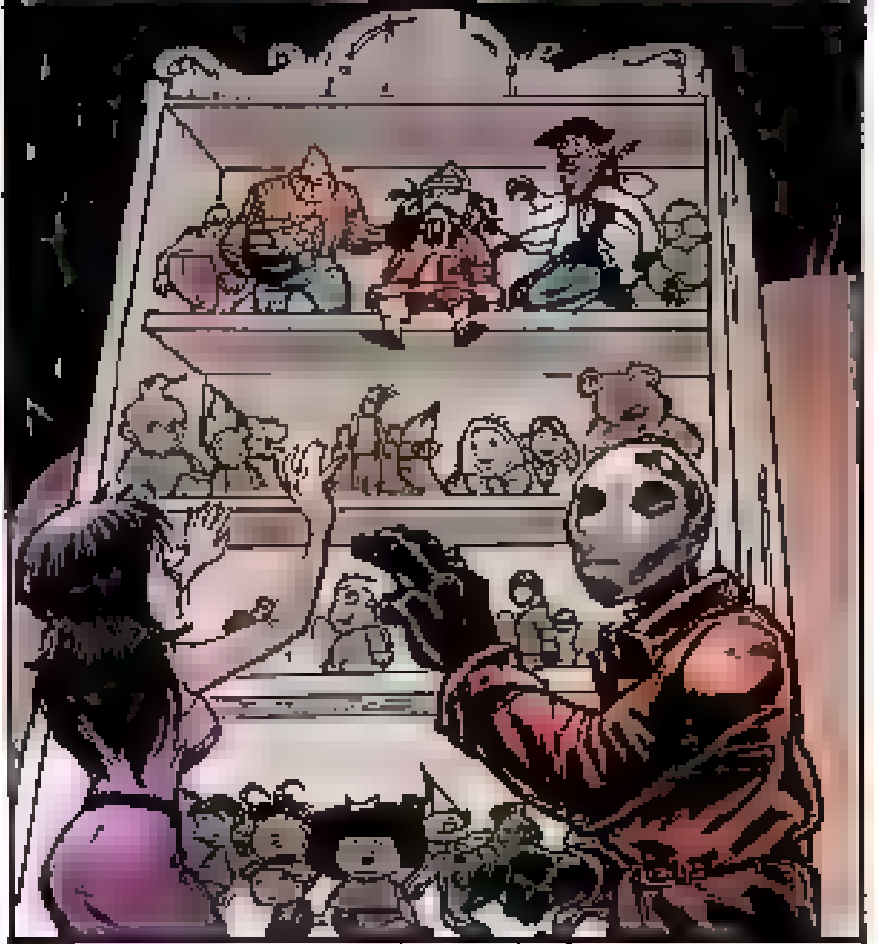
I WOULD
LIKE TO HAVE
A WORD WITH
HIM

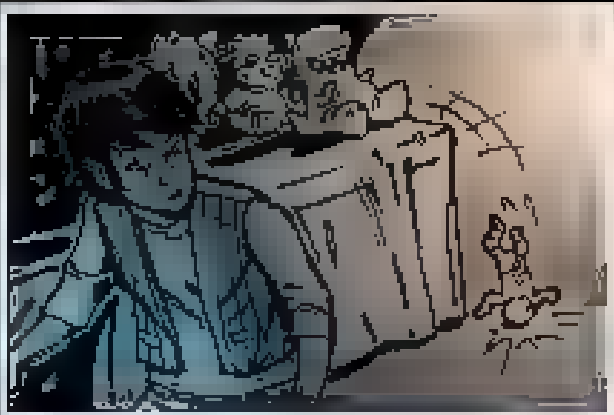
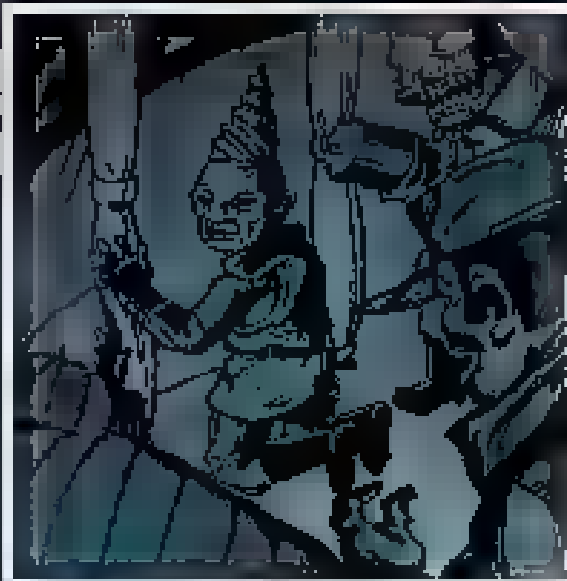
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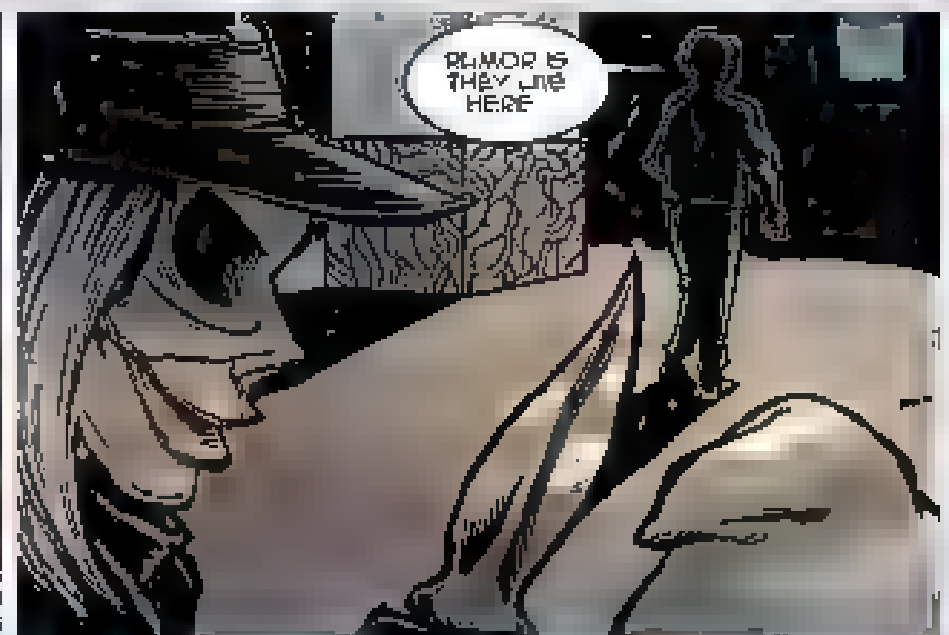
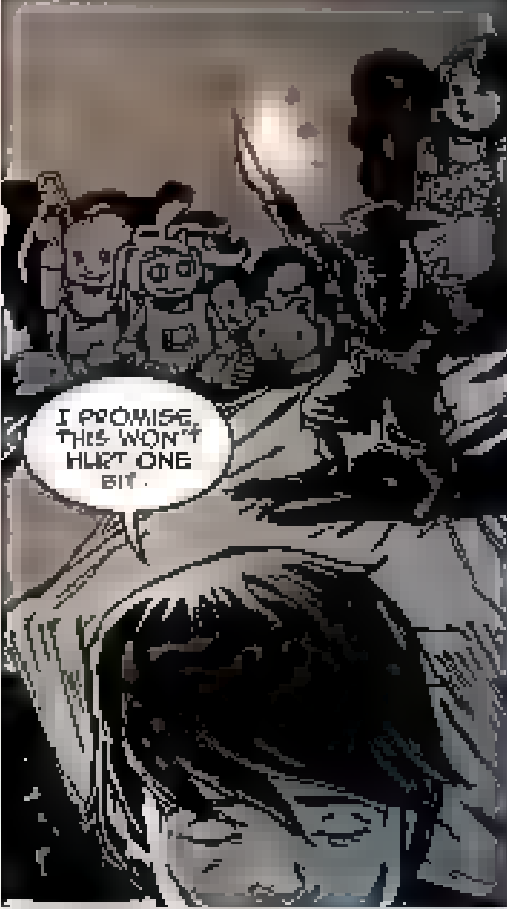


ANTHONY,
DIRECTOR
CROWE WOULD
LIKE











THEY'RE NOT
REAL. JUST LIKE
CAMILLE'S NOT
REAL.

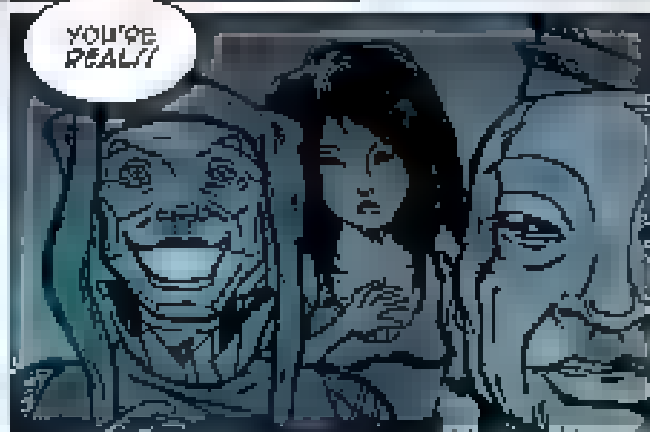
I'M GOING
TO BE IN SO MUCH
TROUBLE WHEN I
GET BACK TO THE
INSTITUTE.



WHAT—



ARE YOU
ONE OF
THEM?



YOU'RE
REAL!!



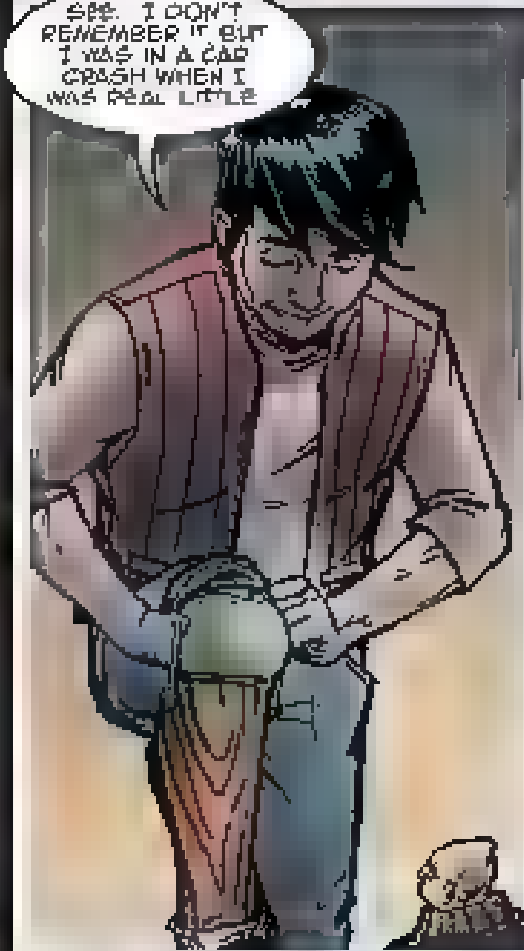
WOAH! HA!
YOU'RE ALL
REAL!




YOU'RE
MADE OF
WOOD, HUH?



ME TOO.
KINDA.




SEE. I DON'T
REMEMBER IT BUT
I WAS IN A CAR
CRASH WHEN I
WAS REAL LITTLE.




KNOCK
KNOCK

MY NAME IS
ANTHONY




I CAME
HERE FROM THE
BOULDESTON
INSTITUTE. DO YOU
REMEMBER THAT
PLACE?

PEOPLE
SAY YOU CAME
THERE WITH
A WOODEN
WOMAN NAMED
CAMILLE



CAMILLE
IS STILL THERE...
AND SHE'S
STARTED KILLING
KIDS.

THE JANITOR
MUMBLES ABOUT
HER SOMETIMES. I
HEARD HIM SAYING
YOU ABANDONED
HER

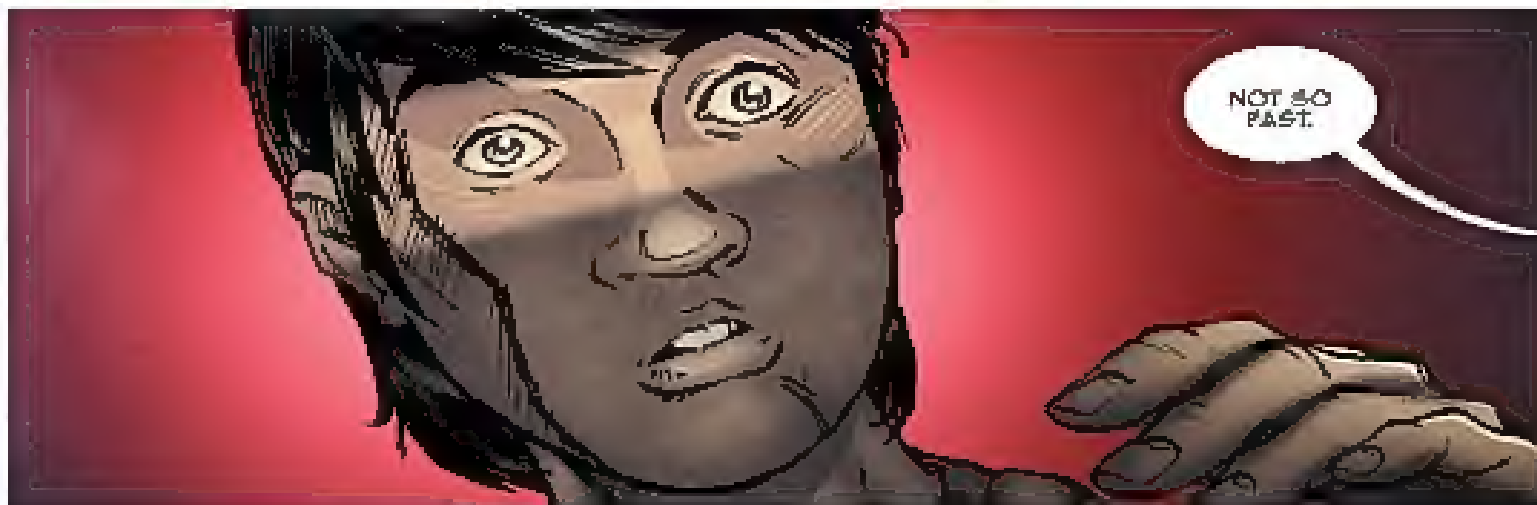


HE ALSO
SAID SHE NEVER
KILLED ANYONE
BEFORE... BUT I KNOW
IT WAS HER.

CAN YOU
WILL YOU HELP
ME? I NEED TO
STOP HER.



AWESOME!
LET'S GO
SHOW CAMILLE
THAT—





YOU MAY HAVE
CHOSEN A NEW
MASTER...

...BUT THAT
DOES NOT EXCUSE
YOUR COMMITMENT
TO ANAPA. IT IS TIME
TO COMPLETE THE
FIRST TASK.



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